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**Property Revitalization Committee (PRC)  
Meeting Minutes from Monday, February 5, 2018 at 3:00 PM**

**Members Present:** T. Checchia, N. Manolo, J. Grove, R. Thomas, C. Reeder, M. Rutledge

**Staff Present:** Mayor OConnor, Aldermen MacShane, J. Adkins, B. Parks, Z. Kershner, M Ford-Naill

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm by Co-Chair Tony Checchia

**Mayor OConnor:**

Want to meet with each committee to determine direction and to make sure that each committee felt that they still had purpose. Discussion centered around the goals from the previous committees. The PRC voiced that they still felt like they had work to complete and are moving forward.

Mayor OConnor indicated that the PRC will need to present to the Aldermen findings of their work over the last year. If there are core metrics that could be presented, that would be of benefit. The overall goal is to turn underutilized properties around. The yearly update should occur sometime in April.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Metrics/Hurdles**

- Discussion centered on an employee survey to determine slowness or redundancy in the system.
- There was still an interest in having Todd Himes attend a future meeting.

## **2. Beautification**

- Discussion centered on the East Street Roundabout and what could be done with that. Tourism, Rotary, EFR and the Arts Council all have interest in making this an attractive entrance feature. Some discussion centered on moving the Jug Bridge Monument to this location.

## **3. Awards/Education**

- Concepts for Awards and Trainings:  
Have Code Enforcement issue notices / awards for outstanding work. A yearly award could be used to honor these properties similar to the HPC Awards.
- Community Lunch and Learn Series:  
For the City to partner with different neighborhood groups and business to bring Government officials, Community Leaders, Historic Preservation Professionals, Trade industries or other community organizations. These events are typically monthly events, which could and should be held in different neighborhood around the city with topic and individuals that would related to the challenges that are being faced by that community. These series could help to bring together both services and clients, residents to residents and government to residents.

## **Potential Properties to add to Blight/Watch List**

- B Parks gave a brief update of properties that are on the Watch List and on the Blight List.

## **Aldermen MacShane:**

Aldermen MacShane talked about his conversations on the campaign trail dealing with vacant or run down properties. While many focus on the downtown, there are other areas in the City that have some issues.

## **Brunswick Vacant Property Ordinance**

There was discussion concerning the recently enacted Brunswick Vacant Property Ordinance. Noel indicated that he would look into in greater detail. There were areas that raised some red flags. Also Takoma Park (MD) has a similar ordinance. An idea was thrown out that the downtown could be used as a pilot program.

## **Public Comment**

- No Public Comments

Meeting ended at 4:25

Next meeting – Monday, March 5 2018 at 3pm at 140 West Patrick Street